



# Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

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## **BIG TRANSPORTATION PLANS FINALIZED FOR THE METRO AREA**

Following a rigorous process of data collection, analysis, and public involvement, the Mid-Region Council of Governments is pleased to announce that the **2025 Metropolitan Transportation Plan** for the Urban Area is now complete and available for the public.

The Plan evaluates what the transportation system is like now, examines where and how we're likely to grow as an area, and determines what our transportation system should look like in the future. As the metropolitan planning organization for the area, the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) is responsible for developing a new Plan every three years.

The Plan recognizes the transportation projects that are expected to be built between now and 2025. "Some of the major projects include an additional 133 miles in bicycle lanes, construction of the I-40/Coors Interchange, and reconstruction of much of Interstates 25 and 40," says Lawrence Rael, MRCOG Executive Director.

### **Public Input A Critical Component**

Rather than make a recommendation to which citizens could simply respond, the Metropolitan Transportation Board actively recruited public comment regarding which transportation options should be included in the final Plan.

Community and business groups are encouraged to contact the MRCOG and request a copy of the Plan. Copies will also be available at local library branches. For further information contact MRCOG at 247-1750 or by visiting our offices at 317 Commercial NE, Suite 104, Albuquerque, NM.

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